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Pp. 264.

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WILLIAM M. GIFFIN.

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 ALEXANDER MELVILLE BELL. *English Visible Speech and its Typography Elucidated.* (Washington, D. C.: Gibson Bros.)  
*Reports of an Investigation concerning the Cost of Maintaining the Public School System of the City of New York.* Department of Finance, New York, June, 1904. (New York: Martin R. Brown Co.)  
*The Cause and Prevention of Consumption.* Circular issued by the Illinois State Board of Health, 1904.